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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application for:

Steve Teig

Serial No.: 10/047,982

Filing Date: 1/14/02

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROBABILISTIC ROUTING

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please delete the "Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications" on page 1, and insert therein a new "Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications" as follows:

**--CLAIM OF BENEFIT TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS**

This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier-field U.S.

Provisional Patent Application entitled "Method and Apparatus that

Utilize Diagonal Routes", having serial number 60/325,748, and filed

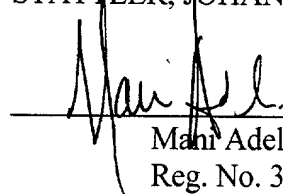
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**REMARKS**

This Second Preliminary Amendment modifies the claim of benefit to prior applications. The original claim of benefit was included in the first Preliminary Amendment that was submitted with the application.

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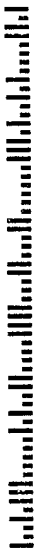
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